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A Bit of Political History.

Since the organization of the Republican party in 1854 under the historic oaks at Jackson, there have been 28 general elections. The party that year elected its first candidate for governor, Kinsley S. Bingham, and although in all the years that have elapsed since his election, the opposition has succeeded in electing two governors of the state, Josiah W. Begole and Edwin B. Winans, the Republican party has never lost control of the affairs of the state.

From the day of its birth, the party has fought its battles, alone and unaided, without fusion or union with other parties, never hoisting false colors and never seeking votes by subterfuge or change of name, always republican and always proud of the name and of the victories it has honorably and fairly won.

Its ancient enemy, the democratic party, however, has appeared under various names, guises and disguises, but, notwithstanding its subterfuges, with the two exceptions above noted, it has always gone down to defeat. In 1862 it took the name of union party. In 1872 appeared as the liberal party. From 1882 to 1890—Begole to Winans—it appears as the fusion party, having united with the greenback party (which it succeeded in swallowing) and with such other minor elements as it could assimilate.

In 1896 and 1898, it masqueraded as the democratic-peoples-union-silver party—D. P. U. S. for short—with the dollar of the daddies for its emblem. Just what disguise it will next assume, doth not yet appear, but it is safe to say that the old dog has learned no new tricks.

During the existence of the republican party, various other ephemeral parties, founded on fads and fancies, have appeared upon the stage of action, most of which have passed away and have been practically forgotten. Let us call them out of their merited oblivion. Liberal republicans, greenbackers, free silverites, American laborites, Nationals, fusionists, industrialists, peoples, D. P. U. S., union laborites, social democrats; all buried beyond hope of resurrection.

There are also the prohibition, socialist and social labor parties, each maintaining a precarious existence, and a new aspirant for an early death, the United Christian party, which first appeared in the recent November election. The prohibition party is the oldest of these minor parties having first a place on the state ticket in 1870, and casting its highest vote in 1890, since which time it has shown no indication of improvement in numbers, but on an average, has fallen behind.

The following table will prove interesting to such of our readers as take an interest in political affairs, and that ought to include them all. It not only shows the political status of the state for the last 54 years, but incidentally shows its increase in population

and power. The first vote of the state after the organization of the republican party was 82,327, while its largest vote cast in 1900 was 548,214.

Date	Rep	Dem.	Plurality	Majority	Total
1854	13,652	38,575	24,923	12,461	52,327
1856	11,402	34,085	22,683	11,341	46,087
1858	65,202	56,877	8,325	4,162	122,079
1860	87,806	67,224	20,582	10,291	155,030
1862	68,776	62,012	6,764	3,382	130,788
1864	81,744	71,202	10,542	5,271	152,946
1866	56,746	67,708	10,962	5,481	124,454
1868	125,081	97,291	27,790	13,895	222,372
1870	131,176	83,304	47,872	23,936	214,480
1872	137,602	80,938	56,664	28,332	218,540
1874	131,519	105,250	26,269	13,134	236,769
1876	165,226	142,585	22,641	11,320	307,811
1878	136,290	78,508	57,782	28,891	214,798
1880	179,944	137,671	42,273	21,136	317,615
1882	149,697	154,369	4,672	2,336	304,066
1884	130,840	136,787	5,947	2,973	267,627
1886	131,474	174,042	42,568	21,284	305,516
1888	233,500	216,456	17,044	8,522	449,956
1890	173,206	189,728	16,522	8,261	362,934
1892	221,228	205,138	16,090	8,045	426,366
1894	237,215	130,923	106,292	53,146	368,138
1896	304,431	221,022	83,409	41,704	525,453
1898	243,219	168,142	75,077	37,538	411,361
1900	305,612	236,226	69,386	34,693	541,838
1902	211,351	174,077	37,274	18,637	385,428
1904	283,799	223,571	60,228	30,114	507,370
1906	221,567	190,018	31,549	15,774	411,585
1908	262,141	252,611	9,530	4,765	514,752

a First appearance of Prohibition party, 2,710 votes.

b Principal opposition party took the name of Liberal party. Democrat ticket received but 2,720 votes.

c First appearance of Greenback party, 8,297 votes.

d Greenbackism at its height, 73,318 votes.

e Democrat party appeared as the Fusion party. Begole, fusionist, elected over Jerome, republican.

f Union Labor ticket received 4,388 votes.

g Winans, democrat, elected over Turner, republican. Prohibition party cast 28,681 votes, largest vote in its history. Industrial party appears with 13,198 votes.

h First appearance of Peoples party, 21,417 votes.

i Opposition party appears under the hyphenated name of Democratic-Peoples Union-Silver party.

j D-P-U-S party's last appearance.

k First appearance of Socialist party, 6,170 votes.

l The vote of the Prohibition party at this election was 16,090.

An inspection of the foregoing table will show that seven times has Michigan chosen her chief magistrate by a minority of the entire vote cast. Governors Begole and Winans, the two democrats, were both minority governors, as were Crosswell (2d term), Alger, Luce (both terms), Rich (first term), and Warner (third term).

WILL some wise scribe rise up and inform us why so many people persist in abbreviating the word Christmas to make a jumbled mass of letters, which does not spell anything. It is a common practice for writers to use "X mas" for Christmas, but how the custom originated or what the "X" is intended to represent is beyond our comprehension. The word Christmas is of divine significance, and to write it "X mas" is in the opinion of the True Northerner bordering on sacrilege.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has issued an order placing all fourth class post masters in offices west of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio rivers in the civil service lists. Prospective candidates for fourth class offices in states covered by the order will now have to undergo a civil service examination. A fourth class office is one in which the salary is less than \$1000. The order effects 1234 offices in Michigan.

THE old saying "once a newspaper man, always a newspaper man" is likely to come true in case of E. N. Dingley, late editor of the Kalamazoo Telegraph. It is announced that he will soon start another paper in Kalamazoo. It will be an afternoon paper known as the Evening Press.

See Kenyon for new and second hand fire and burglar proof safes.

Mr. Chas. Adams purchased a JANSSEN piano last week of Leand Gorton for his daughter, Mrs. Gene Boyd.



Look for the LABEL

"Des' Rubber Footwear on Earth."

Every pair of genuine LAMBERTVILLE "SNAG" rubber boots or shoes contains from fifty cents to one dollar and fifty cents worth of rubber material and dealer less profit than cheaper goods.

Ordinary rubber footwear is CHEAPENED and WORN out by the use of cheap material and is made to resemble the genuine good—so cheaply that no one but an expert can tell the difference except by wear. To protect you against these cheap imitations we made a label with our "BROWNIE" trade mark and the trade mark "SNAG" is stamped in the rubber at the top and the name Lambertville Rubber Co. on the heel of every pair.

Lambertville "SNAG-PROOF" Rubber Footwear

Not the lowest price but the CHEAPEST in the end because you get more good hard wear for your money. Made of five thicknesses of pure rubber and a special grade of heavy duck with pure rubber forced through from both sides. Thickness of foot and leg exactly alike. 17 1/2 inch parts to save a few cents.

Your dealer makes less profit on "SNAGS" than on other rubbers; patronize him.

Sold by EDWIN H. LUCE, Lawrence, Mich.; LEVI DE HAVEN, Bangor, Mich.; C. R. AVERY, Paw Paw, Mich.; T. M. WHEELER, So. Haven, Mich. WALDORF & PICKER, Lawton, Mich.; PERRY & BUTTS, Hartford, Mich.

Among Our Advertisers.

Jeese Graine has a change of adv. in this issue.

Cigars and tobaccos for the holidays at Griffith's.

Read Norwood's large adv. on page 2 of this issue.

Watches for men, women and children at Chappell's. See adv.

Kenyon is headquarters for holiday goods in the smoker's line.

Attention is called to E. B. Longwell's holiday adv. in this issue.

Roy L. Tuttle has an adv. of interest to lovers of flowers this week.

Next excursion to Texas, Tuesday, Jan. 5, 1909. Decker & Bailey.

Fine line of furs, coats, dry goods and notions for Christmas at Avery's.

Read Hawley & Warner's adv. for Christmas furniture at right prices.

Home made candies at Stewart's candy kitchen. Read adv. in this issue.

Elegant line of ladies waists in silk, lace and satin. Sanger & Gardner's.

Holly in bulk, holly wreaths, magnolia wreaths at Warner's. Read his adv.

Bennet & Sucker are advertising furniture this week at greatly reduced prices.

Make Charles' store your Christmas headquarters. See large advs. on pages 1 and 4.

It will pay you to visit Warner's store for your table supplies and holiday decorations.

Be sure to read Sellick's adv. in this issue. It is full of suggestions for holiday shopping.

What could be nicer than a piano for a Christmas gift. See Gorton's adv. in this issue.

Attractive Christmas gifts for everybody at Broughton's. See their fine adv. in this issue.

Hall's Emporium is headquarters for fancy goods, needlework, books, dolls, toys, etc. Read adv.

Damoo advertises a fine line of jewelry, watches clocks and silverware. Call and inspect his goods.

Lindsay has a change of adv. in this issue calling attention to Christmas candies, fruits, nuts etc.

Attention is called to the Dyckman House Menu for Christmas dinner. Be sure to read it in this issue.

Waters & Co. are talking about their cutlery this week. Cutlery makes a very appropriate Christmas gift.

E. Smith & Co. will agree to do you the best job of personal decorating you ever had. If you'll come we'll hang some Hart, Schaffner & Marx clothes on you.

Showerman Bros. being overstocked in children's suits, will give you your choice in any suit from 3 to 5 years old for \$1.48. These are worth from \$2.50 to \$5.00. They are still giving fifteen per cent discount on all suits and overcoats.

For Sale—New and second hand fire and burglar proof safes.—S. O. Kenyon.

What Christmas Means

Christmas is far other and more than a vision, a poetic rendering of the facts of life; it is an event set deep not only in the history of men but in their faith, their worship, and their way of life. They have never risen to its level; they have never, by united effort, given its spirit the tremendous effectiveness of concerted action; but even in their infirmity of intention and their feebleness of practice, Christmas has given their life on earth a diviner meaning and a kindlier habit. It has enormously increased the value of life; it is increasingly enriching the spiritual content of the thought of life in the minds of men; it is giving a sweeter savor, a softer grace, a warmer atmosphere as men more and more interpret life in the light which streams from Bethlehem.—Hamilton Wright Mabie in the December CHURCH Magazine.

I sell new and second hand fire and burglar proof safes.—S. O. Kenyon.

Christmas Trees.

We have a fine line of Christmas trees for sale. Come while the assortment is good.

WOLVERINE NURSERY.

Tax Notice.

I will be at my home near Almena center every Friday to receive township taxes; also in Paw Paw on Saturday.

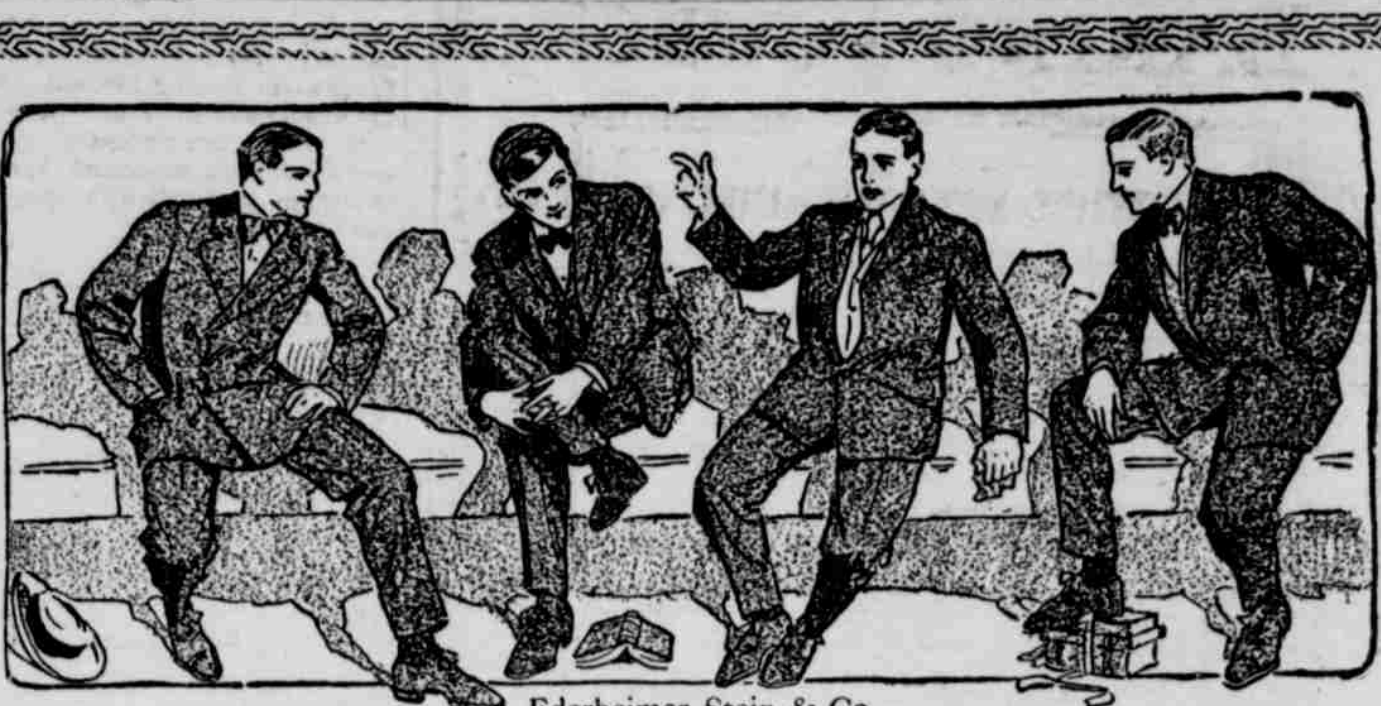
FRED L. HOODMARKER.

Treas. Almena twp.

Notice.

Those wishing laundry work for Saturday's delivery the week of Christmas and New Year's, please notify us not later than Wednesday evening.

MODEL STEAM LAUNDRY.



Ederheimer, Stein & Co.
MAKERS

We Like to Know

All we can about the makers who produce the clothes we offer you, and we'd like you to know about them, too. One of the main reasons we sell X-tragood is the fact that they are made by Ederheimer Stein & Co., Chicago, in the most modern and remarkable tailor shops ever built.

15 per cent. Discount on All Suits and Overcoats

This is done to advertise our Clothing Business. Your gain and our loss. Our Clothing is Stylish, Perfectly Tailored, Better Fitting, Shape Retaining, Style far in advance of the common procession.

SHOWERMAN BROS.

Charles says Holiday Gifts for Everybody

HAIR AND CLOTH BRUSHES

A fine hair or cloth brush makes a very useful and most acceptable present to give anybody. We have a fine assortment of splendid brushes—both hair and cloth—some with fancy backs, others with backs of handsome natural woods—all of them have good, strong bristles, bristles that are put in to stay in.

All these brushes will give satisfaction and last a long time.

TIME SPENT IN EXAMINING OUR HOLIDAY STOCKS IS TIME WELL SPENT. On every hand you will see timely and valuable suggestions that will help you greatly in solving that important problem, "What to get for Xmas."

BIBLES, ALBUMS, GIFT BOOKS

Books are correct gifts for anybody and everybody.

BIBLES—The best gift of all. We have an extremely nice selection of Bibles—well printed, well bound—truly handsome presents.

GIFT BOOKS—Our stock of gift books includes all of the latest fiction as well as the standard authors of world-wide fame, beautifully printed and bound. You can select most attractive remembrances from these Gift Books.

ALBUMS—Albums of all kinds—Photo, Postcard, Autograph, etc. A large line to choose from—all gotten up in very nice form.

CUT GLASS

For a truly elegant and distinctive Holiday Gift, what is better or more appropriate or more acceptable than a handsome piece or set of dainty cut glass?

In our extremely choice selections of Cut Glass, consisting of the latest and most up-to-date designs and styles, you will find no trouble in choosing just what you want for those on your list to whom you wish to send a particularly attractive remembrance.

We shall take great pleasure in showing you anything in this line that you desire to see. Won't you come in and examine these splendid stocks?

FANCY JAPANESE CHINA

Pretty, fancy China makes a particularly acceptable gift for mother, wife or married relative—especially when it's such splendid ware as this Fancy Japanese China that we have just received.

This Fancy Japanese China is the very latest hit—it has such pretty patterns, such odd designs, such beautiful decorations, and the China itself is especially high grade, so dainty and thin.

Every housewife will be glad she came in if she should see nothing else but this fine China exhibit of ours.

OUR PRICES are very low, considering the very high quality of this China. You will be astonished to see how really cheap it is.

THE CHARLES DRUG CO. PAW PAW, MICH.